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grant permission for tapping neera. May I know what has happened to that representation and whether the Government will grant permission at least in respect of the Chingleput district?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Every application is examined and it will be decided on its own merits."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" If the neera parlour is closed for this session, is it due to the influence brought by the canteen contractor on the Government to close the parlour as his business began to fall?"

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" There is no truth in the allegation made by the hon. Member."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is it a fact that hon. Members of this House indulged in excessive drinking of this neera and thereby lost their balance?" (Laughter.)

Integration of the Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani systems of medicines.

* 900 *Q.*—SRI N. GOPALA MENON : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to integrate the Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani systems of medicines in the Government College of Indigenous Medicine for teaching purposes and for treatment in the Hospital attached to the College?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI N. GOPALA MENON :—" Do the Government consider it desirable to integrate these different systems of medicine which have entirely different methods of approach so far as diagnosis and treatment are concerned?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" There are certain factors common to these three different systems of medicine and steps are now being taken to prepare integrated lectures on fundamentals of these systems."

Analysis of soil in the State.

* 901 *Q.*—SRI N. GOPALA MENON (on behalf of Sri T. Ananta Pai) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any soil analysis has been done in any part of the State; and

(*b*) whether any steps have been taken for preventing soil erosion in any part of the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Analysis of soils has been carried out in the following areas :—

(1) Delta area of Tanjore.

(2) Periyar tract in Madurai district.

(3) Malabar district.